

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC
REFERENCE No Code International petition RM-10786

Dear Sir: Thanks for the opportunity for commenting on the No Code International rule-making petition RM-10786 for elimination of Morse code testing as part of the amateur radio service licensing requirements.

My name is Alberto Casanova and I have been a licensed ham for the last 9 years. I hold Technician level privileges and my call sign is KE4MNF. I support the NCI petition.

The Commission previously had indicated that the only reason for keeping any Morse testing as part of the licensing requirements was to satisfy international agreements. At the July 5, 2003 WRC-03, Article 25 of the ITU Radio Regulations was modified to eliminate the obligation of the various administrations to require a demonstration or test of Morse proficiency and in its place left it to the discretion of the various administrations to determine whether a Morse test is required or not. In light of the Commission previous conclusions that without the international requirements for Morse testing there was no need to impose Morse testing as a licensing requirement I urge the Commission to expeditiously eliminate the current Morse testing licensing requirement.

The Commission should act as quickly as possible to eliminate the Morse testing requirements just like other administrations like England, Switzerland, Norway, Belgium, New Zealand, Ireland, etc which have already done so.

Elimination of the Morse testing requirements will inject into the amateur radio service a significant number of highly qualified technical individuals who today have been discouraged from joining the amateur radio service or upgrading because of the Morse code testing requirements. The failure in attracting this type of individuals to the service is of paramount importance if the US wants to continue to encourage innovations and experimentation in the radio service.

Respectfully
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